

Congress afterwards urged the States to cede a portion of their waste and uncultivated territories to provide a common fund for the expenses of the war; and, by a resolution of the 10th of October, 1789, declared:—

"That the unappropriated lands that may be ceded or relinquished to the United States, by any particular State, pursuant to the recommendation of Congress of the 6th of September last, shall be disposed of for the common benefit of the United States." And the several cessions made by the several States embrace a clause requiring that the fund to be created shall be common to all the States. The effect of distribution is to *secure this common fund*.